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BOTH CONTRACTS LET

For Erecting and Heating the Central Building

TO NEWPORT NEWS FIRMS

steam heart system, which was the best, and could be operated cheaper that he hot air.

Mr. J. T. Moyer stated that he propsed to put in the same system as that proposed by the Peck, Hammond Co. He shought that inessmuch as he was a resident of Newport News, eithough \$100 mbove the lowest bidder, the contract should be awarded to him. He was willing to "lop" of \$100 and come down.

Mr. I. G. Gregory of Washington.

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Mr. G. Gregory, of Washington, explained the Smead system of indirect hot air freathing, which was similar to that of the Peck, Hommond Company. It was some time before it was decided to uward the contracts last night, as some of the members thought it would be best to wait till the bonds were taken up.

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This brought about another discussion. Mr. J. J. O'Donnell, president of the Common Council, when asked if he thought the money for the bonds would be received next week, replied in the negative, adding that he did not think Rudolph Kleybolte & Co. meant to take the bonds at all, especially if the present crisis terminated in war. As to the certified check which the council required of the bond buyers as a forfeit, Mr. O'Donnell said it was valueless, it had been made payable to the city derk, when the resolution expressly stipulated that it should be made payable to the city treaturer, and do money could be collected on it unless bonds to the amount of \$1.000 were attached to the check when it is presented to the bank for collection. Other firms, Mr. O'Donnell suid, had written to him offering to buy the bonds, but under the charter the offers could not be uccepted, as bids must be advertised for. If the First National Bank or Sperry Jones & Co., of Baltimore, the next highest biddens, refused to take the bonds in the event Kleybolte & Co. fall at Mr. All the consequent of the points in the event Kleybolte & Co. fall at Mr. All the points in the event kleybolte & Co. fall at Mr. All the points in the event kleybolte & Co. fall at Mr. All the points in the event kleybolte & Co. fall at Mr. All the points in the event kleybolte & Co. fall at Mr. All the points in the event kleybolte & Co. fall at Mr. All the points in the event kleybolte & Co. fall at Mr. All the points in the event kleybolte & Co. fall at Mr. All the points in the event kleybolte & Co. fall at Mr. All the points in the event kleybolte & Co. fall at Mr. All the points in the event kleybolte & Co. fall at Mr. All the points in the event kleybolte & Co. fall at Mr. All the points in the event kleybolte & Co. fall at Mr. All the points in the event kleybolte & Co. fall at Mr. All the points in the po



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We've just received some beautiful Boys' Suits, sizes 4 to 16. They are strong and well made—would not tear if you hang them on a nail with the boy in it.

WOODWARD & WOMBLE.

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MEASLES NO BAR TO MARRIAGE (Kansas City Star.)
A Surgeon young man who went to claim bis bride on their wedding day, hast week, found her in bed with meas-les. But he married her just the same.

ANOTHER THING.
(Boston Courier.)
He—I'd give up my life for you.

dear.

She-Would you really give up the life you are living?

Those Pacific Mail Steamers.

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The current issue of the Maritime Register contains the following:

"Work will probably be begun within a few months upon the construction of two large steamships for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. C. P. Huntingdon says that plans have been prepared for the building of them at its shipbuilding yards at Newport News. The vessels will be of 10,000 tons register, and will be the fastest on the Pacific coast. The two new vessels, with the steamship China, will comprise the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's China fleet under the new regime, when the Toyo Kisen Kisha starts to run its vessels between San Francisco and the Orient."

Inquiry at the shipyard failed to have the above confirmed. It is very evident that the building of these big liners is more a matter of certainty now than ever before, but the shipyard has as yet no positive information about the work.

Will the zentleman who could not be

She-Would you really gave up the life you are living?

Twenty dollars for one. Call on Perkins, Duncan & Co. Now is the time to invest.

Will the gentleman who could not be suited in Clothing up the avenue kindly call at our store Saturday.

WOODWARD & WOMBLE.

SENATE GOES SLOW

Action on the War Resolution Postponed.

LONG DEBATE PROBABLE

lished Precedent.

ored), was given a bearing on an indicated that he was for peace it peace ould be had.

Mr. S. Simpari's clothing store on Wishborion avenue, on the night of Jamury 14 had, and stealing a lot of defining.

Owens was pipe ented by Attorney of his counsel he pleaded guilty to the charge, it have no been apreviously agreed with Commonwealth's Attorney J. K. M. Newton that the jury should fix his punchment at two years in the penalentiary, which was done. After the verified was rendered Judge T. J. Barnam promonned the southerns.

No other business of interest was transacted.

not blame the nations of the world for sympathizing with Spain. He expressed the opinion that the one course open to the United States in the present emergency was intervention. He said he would accept the House resolutions and indicated that he preferred them to the Senate resolutions. He thought the outrage on the Maine was an instance of proof of Spain's incanacity to rule in Cuba and he declared the incident would have its own consideration. He heliced the explosion a neditated part of which Spanish officials were guilty.

He believed the Spanish government should be held responsible. Yet to acquit Blanco as General Lee had done would he to acquit Spain of direct agency, as he was the responsible representative of Spain. If necessary, Mr. Hoar thought the Maine affair such as to fusify war.

Mr. Turple, of Indiana, followed Mr. Hoar in a speech for the recognition of the Cuban republic. He thought the bende of Cuba had carned antionality if recognized as a nation it would rest with them to do as they pight please with the Cuban day.

Senator Pettigrow offered a substitute for the preceding resolution, declaring that war waits and authorizing the President to use the land and naval forces to Foscient it. Mr. Gray followed Mr. Turple, saying he would

added cynically, "that we shall have no occasion to send out a larger quan-lity of mourning goods than usual,"

PORTENTS IN THE SKY.

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Does the Coming of Perin's Comet. Signify War.

If the results with Spain results in war an old superstition will scain be werified, says the Chicago-Twnes Herital Terrin's comet is already on hand and may be seen in the early morning focus. Dr. Milton University, said, when autosioned about the corner, of astronomy in Missouri University, said, when autosioned about the corner, "Do not quote me as waying that I block any faith in the superstitions leaded that a covent is a sure sign of war or dire calamity. This, of course a basic but it is interesting to observe how often the appearance of a comet is followed by disaster or conflict. The comet of 1870 came during the Pranco-Prussian war. The comet of 1871 came during the Pranco-Prussian war shortly before the war of 1812. Two comets in 1841 coveraginal the outbroads of the sicil wir. One of these was remarkably bright, and the earth pussed through its tail.

its tail.

"The great comet of 1881 appeared shortly before President Garfield wassessinated. There was a comet at the time of the birth of Napoleon and another at the time of his greatest success. It is said to have attnized its greatest brightness over the latitude of Paris, and to have vanished at the latitude of Corsica. A monster count was blazing in the sky during like reign of Nero.

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sal peace and sincerely regretted that its invention should be used to take human life. The monument erected to his memory in Hamburg represents a woman with a mild, but earnest countenance holding aloft a torch, while with her foot she presses down a best-lal male companion.

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REED ON HIS POWER.

Speaker Reed described the temper
of congress this morning in a single
remark, says the Washington corresproduce of the Chicago Record. He
was reading a letter from a prominent
restern gentleman, urging him to
hold the house of representatives in
cheek and prevent any action that
might lead to war. As he folded the
letter and put it back in his pocket,
the Czar remarked;

"My feind has a very flattering concertion of my power. He might as
well ask me to stand in the middle of
ashore to say good-bye to Mrs.
A Kansas prairie and stop a cyclone."

Not long ago one of the Ohio memhers received a touching letter from a
constituent who desired a lot of the
eulegies that have been delivered from
time to time in hunor of the decensed
members, and closed his communication by saying: "I do love to read
about dead congressmen."

Yesterday an Ohio member received
the following from a constituent, and
proclaims if as a discovery of a new
field of usefulness for a much-criticized publication.

"An much obliged for the Congressional Record. I read a large share
of every number. I am distributing
they at Sunday school. They make
good Sunday school literature. They
are taken before anything clase by
the scholars. Health and peace.
Yours sincerely."

We have good rollet sets at \$1.98; better ones at \$2.50; fine ones at \$5.00, and the best 12 pieces ever shown in the city at \$7.50. Addams' Racket Store. apr-7-tf

Consul General Lee's State-

Spanish Officers Responsible for

e said:
"It I had to write that report ever would not dot an "!" or cross a "!", though I have been there two years

with Havama harbor and said in effect, the fact that there was no dead fish the day after the explosion was not surprising, as there was no fish there. there. Captain Sigsbee, the commander of the Maine, was examined March 31st.

as compared with that of the American board.

Commander Bradford, torpedo expert, stationed at Newport, was before the committee on March 30, and was asked to state the danger from the Spanish flottilla of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers. He said he was not impressed as many naval officers with the dangerous character of these boats. In his opinion their older value is in

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ments Made Known.

THAT WEYLER LETTER

hat he had so reported. Continuing,

atthough I have been there two years since then."

Concerning the insurgent government General Lee said he had never thought that the insugents had anything except the skeleton form of a government—a moving capital.

General Lee said that when he left Havana the Spanish troops had not been paid for about note months nor had the Spanish officers for about chire months. He thought that an American army of occupation could go into the Island with safety now.

Admiral John Irwin, a torpelo expert, appeared before the committee on the second instant. He is familiar with Havana harbor and said in effect,

Captain Sigsbee, the commander of the Maine, was examined March 31st. He repeated his opinion that the Maine was destroyed by a mile, either temporary or permanent. In reply to a question, Captain Sigsbee said he thought it possible that the explosion could have occurred without the knowledge of the higher officials. He said that the examination made by the Spanish board was absurd as compared with that of the American board.